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SUBJECT: THIRD WORLD FOOD COUNCIL, JUNE 20-24, MANILA

1. SECOND DAY WFC SAW ELECTION 2ND AND 3RD VICE PRESIDENTS FROM MEXICO AND KENYA, RESPECTIVELY. SPECIAL GROUP COMPOSED OF UK, JAPAN, US, CHAD, NIGERIA, INDONESIA, BANGLADESH, AND MEXICO, ALSO ESTABLISHED TO REVIEW TEXTS OF PROPOSED LANGUAGE FOR COMMUNIQUE PREPARED BY RAPPORTEUR, WHO IS ROGER BULL OF CANADA. DECISION REACHED THAT BULL IS TO PREPARE SUGGESTED TEXT ON BASIS OF SECRETARIAT DRAFT AND ALL RECOMMENDATIONS FOR CHANGES SUBMITTED TO HIM BY 8:00 A.M. WEDNESDAY. U.S. HAS SUBMITTED NECESSARY RE-DRAFTS AND HATHAWAY REPRESENTING U.S. IN SPECIAL GROUP.

2. AMONG GENERAL COMMENTS MADE MONDAY MORNING WERE STATEMENTS OF USSR AND VIETNAM. SOVIET STATEMENT WHICH WAS CLEARLY MOST UNCONSTRUCTIVE SPEECH OF THIS MEETING, REFERRED TO THOSE HINTING AT REDUCTIONS IN PRODUCTION AT A TIME WHEN WORLD FOOD SECURITY IS YET UNCERTAIN, THE ELIMINATION OF COLONIAL  
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INTERESTS, CONTROL OF TRANSNATIONALS, RADICAL SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC MEASURES IN THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES AND A REDUCTION IN MILITARY EXPENDITURES OF 10 PERCENT. THE SOVIETS CONCLUDED THAT THEY HAVE AND COULD CITE FIGURES ON THE AMOUNTS OF SOVIET ASSISTANCE TO THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES.

3. THE STATEMENT OF THE SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM

REFERRED MILDLY TO MANY DIFFICULTIES, A HUNDRED YEARS OF DOMINATION PLUS RECENT BRUTAL WAR AND THE NEED NOW TO HEAL AND DEVELOP. APPRECIATION TO FAO AND THE WFP FOR ASSISTANCE WAS EXPRESSED ALONG WITH A HOPE FOR ADDITIONAL HELP IN AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT.

4. IN AFTERNOON SESSION, ARGENTINA EXTENDED INVITATION FOR WFC TO HOLD ITS 4TH SESSION IN BUENOS AIRES IN 1978. COUNSELOR YEDID OF ISRAELI EMBASSY BANGKOK, WITH WHOM WE HAVE MAINTAINED CONTACT, IS MUCH RELIEVED AT PROSPECT OF AVOIDING KHARTOUM. EXPECTATION STILL IS THAT NO DECISION WILL BE TAKEN BY THIS SESSION ON SITE OF NEXT MEETING.

5. REMAINDER PM SESSION FOLLOWS SEPTTEL.  
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